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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the claim rejections outlined in the Office Action mailed August 18, 1997.

REMARKS

1. Claims 1, 2, 4, 11 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action alleges that the term "Si/Al ratio" is indefinite. However, such a term is well-known to one of ordinary skill in the art. For example, U.S. Patent 5,164,350, cited in grandparent application no. 08/067,275, describes a Si/Al ratio, i.e., atomic ratio, as in the present invention. See column 3,